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Popular Stamps

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Four Stamps for "Capex"

A Westerner in Canadian Pot Pourri in September Popular Stamps forecast that there would be four commemorative stamps issued for the 100 years of Canadian Postal administration to be released during the Capex show in Toronto in September. He even anticipated the designs though had the beaver design for the 4c stamp rather than the denomination now proposed. Col. L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services of the Post Office Department, guest speaker at the Ottawa Philatelic Society banquet, March 1st, intimated there would be four stamps to be issued on September 24th. A four-cent stamp would depict an old wood-burning locomotive and modern deisel; a five-cent stamp showing a mail steamer of 1851 and 1951; a seven-cent stamp depicting an 1851 stage coach and a "North Star" air liner. And as a partial concession to philatelists there would be a 15-cent stamp which would reproduce the "beaver" design on the first Canadian three-penny stamp. The stamps will be in single colour but the colours were not announced.

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Cobden, Ont., March, 1951.

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold their annual exhibition in Victoria, B.C., May 19, 20 and 21. It will be the first time such an exhibition has been held in Victoria since 1938. The event will be of an international nature.

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Gems From Philatelic Dump

When motoring, our vision is so concentrated on the road ahead that we miss much of the interest and beauty that lines the highway. So, too, in stamp collecting we become so interested in our main objective that we pass up philatelic vistas that are well worth attention. This attitude was brought home to me rather forcibly while at home convalescing from an attack of grippe or 'flu.

My wife, who is no philatelist, pointed out in unrestrained language that now would be a good time to do something about "that box of trash that has so long been an eyesore in the den."

As a matter of fact, this box has for years been a Philatelic dump for items too good for the scrap basket and not good enough for my own objectives. More or less begrudging the time involved, I agreed to do something about it and started by sorting it into groups of material. I soon found that one of my largest groups is a pile of Canadian postcards that has been accumulating, a few at a time, over a long period of years. There were several hundred of them, with many in the early 70's. I soon became impressed with the interest these possessed, and wondered why some one had not taken up Post Card collecting as a side line.

Certainly the olders of these Post Cards are of equal, if not of greater interest than modern F.D. covers. I am now convinced that here lies a relatively unexplored field which even those with very moderate means could explore with much interest, and with little expense build up a collection well worth the time and effort devoted to it.

In the lot which I had indifferently tossed aside I found a few two-ring numerals. Many collect two-ring numerals on stamps; a post card collection of these would really be something. Another item I had never noticd was a Registered Post Card. There may be thousands of these, but in my limited experience I had never before noticed one. Besides the 1c Post Card it carried a 5c Scott's No. 42 brownish gray. It was mailed from Montreal to St. Andrew's, N.B., and carried, of course, the R.P.O. Montreal to St. John.

There were also many cork cancellations, and, to cap the climax, a superb strike of the Ottawa Crown dated May 28th, 1881. Has anyone seen the Ottawa Crown cancellation on a post card? I should be interested in hearing of it.

From now on I am looking post cards over before they are tossed aside, for some, at least, deserve a place in any well-rounded Canadian collection. — A. K. Grimmer, Temiskaming, Que.

T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

It was "Post Office Night" at the meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club on Thursday evening, February 15th in their room at the Royal York Hotel.

The guest speaker was the Postmaster of the City of Toronto, W. N. McLean, Esq. He was assisted by Victor R. Perry of the Postal Public Relations Branch who showed two films "Canada, Stamp by Stamp" and "Business in the Mail Bag."

He gave a comprehensive survey of the set up of our postal system and showed that on the whole it ran smoothly and efficiently in spite of very heavy burdens at certain periods of the year. He stated that much of the criticism repeatedly heard were made by persons with no knowledge at all of the various steps necessary for the handling of postal matter between sender and receiver. Better co-operation on the part of the public would help the department materially.

The allocation of Transit Charges by the Universal Postal Union which has always been vaguely understood by collectors was fully explained and made clear.

Mr. McLean spoke kindly about Capex and said that his department would co-operate in every way possible to make the show a big success. V. R. Perry's films and comments on them were most interesting. Postal problems were presented direct to the sight and more fully appreciated than when told in words.

The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

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#113—Quebec Die Proofs

Lot #1261 of the October Reford Sale consisted of a set of Quebec die proofs with die # and imprints on card, in black. They are small sizes.

However, where is the ½c? The set was complete from 1c-20c otherwise, — I know because the set now reposes in my collection. But where is the missing ½c? Rumor has it that it may be in an outstanding Canadian proof collection in England,—but does anyone know?

#114—R. R. Cancels

I have never bothered with these too much, but do like to dress up certain of my collections with a few pages showing their use, types, etc. However Alfred Whitehead of New Brunswick really goes for them in a big way,—especially on King Edward issues. Of these he has not pages—but albums and is still hunting.

It's a lot of fun at comparatively little expense,—why not look into the possibilities?

#115—King Edward 2c Imperf.—Plate #2

On page 84 of Jarrett's 1929 book you will note that Fred accounts for only sixty stamps from the plate #2 sheet of 2c Imperforates. Thanks to Fred I have owned a photo of those sixty stamps (top 6 rows) for some time. Originally these were owned by the late Mr. Norris of Bay City, Michigan. Years ago this was cut up into numerous blocks. I had always wondered where the other forty stamps went.

If you will read the description for lot #1248 of the October Reford sale, you will see "2c carmine, Imperf. block of 40 (10 x 4), one stamp thin. Very fine (90a) $20.00." Yes that's all,—and yes you're right it was the long lost, block of 40 from plate #2. And, yes you're right again, yours truly snatched it from the black fate of being cut up and sold as the common 2c imperforate. Who says there are no finds at auction sales?

#116—King Edward 2c Imperforates—Plates #13-14

These are the common garden variety,—listed as #90a and cat. quite low. If you turn to page 359 in your Boggs' Canada you will read the following—

"—— the theory that new plates numbered 13 and 14 were made to make a special supply of these stamps to agree with the found sheet is too fantastic to be worthy of serious consideration."

I happen to know that the above statement is a lot of tommy-rot. Quite to the contrary Mr. Boggs, there is definite evidence that new plates were made. Don't ask me how I know,—that's another story—and will appear in print before Capex.

#117—The "Reford" Tobacco Stamp Collection and Accumulations

Been having the greatest fun all winter, all because I was dope enough to buy the three lots of tobacco stamps in the October Reford sale. 6,000 of 'em! What variety — wove papers, thin and thick, laid papers, watermarks, no watermarks, no imprints, Montreal imprints, Ottawa imprints, Montreal and Ottawa imprints, perforations, roulettes and imperforates. Full sheets, large blocks, used and mint. No control nos. and those with red or blue nos.

Don't know when I've had so much fun for so little,—but when I'm thru I guess I'll have a start toward a good Canadian tobacoc stamp collection.

Surprised there were no collectors' bids of any size on these three lots. Aren't there any really true dyed-in-the-wool collectors left any more? Have we all turned investment minded?

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Perforated

O.H.M.S.		Mint	Used
231	1c	—	.02
232	2c	—	.02
233	3c	—	.02
235	5c	.15	—
241	10c	—	.02
249	1c	—	.02
250	2c	.05	.02
251	3c	—	.03
252	3c	.05	.02
254	4c	.06	.02
255	5c	.10	.02
257	10c	—	.02
259	14c	—	.12
260	20c	—	.06
269	10c	—	.02
270	14c	.25	.06
271	20c	—	.08
272	50c	.75	.35
285	2c	.04	.05
286	3c	.05	.05
C6	6c	.25	.05
C7	6c	.40	.25
C8	7c	—	.05
C9	7c	.10	.05

Overprinted

O.H.M.S.		Mint	Used
O1	1c	.02	.02
O2	2c	.12	.12
O3	3c	.05	.05
O4	4c	.06	.03
O5	5c	.07	.07
O6	10c	.13	.03
O7	14c	.18	.08
O8	20c	.25	.10
O10	$1	1.30	—
O11	50c Oil	.65	.70
O12	1c	.02	.03
O13	2c	.04	.04
O14	3c	.05	.04
O15	4c	.06	.03
O16	1c "G"	.02	.03
O17	2c	.04	.04
O18	3c	.05	.03
O19	4c	.06	.03
O20	5c	.07	.05
O21	10c	.13	.06
O22	14c	.18	.10
O23	20c	.25	.10
O24	50c Oil	.65	.75
O25	$1 Ferry	1.25	1.40
O26	10c Fur	.14	.—
O27	$1 Fish	1.25	1.40
CO1	7c	.10	.10
CO2	7c	.10	.10
EO1	10c S.D.	.14	.14
EO2	10c	.14	.14

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We hear that a well-known Montreal philatelist will have charge in disposing of the stamp holdings of the late R. A. Odell, who passed away last November after a lengthy invalidism following a paralytic stroke. The late Mr. Odell gathered a valuable collection of revenues as well as other stamps. About ten years ago Mr. Odell was a contributor to this magazine on revenues and flag cancellations.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. McCready:

Congratulations for having published in your February, 1951 issue the best article I have ever read on the subject of Color as it is applied to the collection of stamps.

During the many years I have collected and the many stamp journals I have read, in my judgment, this is the best.

These so called 'near pinks', 'orange yellows' and many other 'mixtures' are just confusion. In fact no two pair of eyes will see eye to eye. While my line is stationery, there is still the many shades listed, but years ago I just called them light or dark and let it go at that.—Jay.

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BY AUBREY KELSON

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Sketch 298 — Rhodesia Scott's 130, the 1/ denomination with blob on the King's shoulder. Sent us by Art Blakely.

The Postmaster-General of Australia has advised that in consequence of the alterations in postage rates which came into force on 1st December, 1950, it has been necessary to alter the colours of the 2d and 3d stamps of the Commonwealth to green and red respectively to comply with the International Postal Convention. At the same time the opportunity has been taken of substituting the later portraits of Their Majesties in the designs. The 3d red stamp came on sale at all Post Offices in Australia on 28th February.

MOSTLY ON PLATE BLOCKS

By "Scotia"

Mr. Norman Caudwell of Toronto writes an encouraging letter in which he enjoins me to "Keep up the good work!" I very much appreciated his kindness and will strive to do as he suggests. Little things like this make life worth living.

Mr. Douglas Lee of Vancouver is the latest to complete 6 and 7 positions of War Issue. This represents a really remarkable feat, and congratulations are in order.

Mr. Lee points out that there are more than 120 positions in O.H.M.S. if the missing period varieties are included. This is quite true. Counting only the Peace Issue overprints we arrive at a total of 129.

The path leading to the original 120 positions continues to be difficult. I have reached 111 positions and am joined there by Mr. M. L. Brown of Rutland, Sask., and Mr. W. C. Gordon of Horseshoe Bay, B.C. As I mentioned last month, I would like to hear from other collectors who have passed the hundred mark.

Comparison of want lists leads to the heartening conclusion that all positions are known, though same are so scarce as to rank, in my opinion, with the "impossibles" of the Royal Visit issue. This theory is only provisional, of course, and may be changed by the discovery of further stocks, but I rather suspect this will not occur.

It is sometimes said that the scarcity of certain War Issue positions for example, will discourage the collector who is deciding on whether to try plate blocks or not. This seems to me a fallacy. Is he not rather likely to be encouraged by the contemplation of such an imposing succession of hits as the last fifteen years alone present? I refer to such items as plate ten and eleven of the one cent 1937 issue, the Royal Visit impossibles referred to above, the scarce Air Mail and other plates of War Issue, and the many rare O.H.M.S. positions. (Incidentally, as an example of the last named, a prominent Toronto dealer is quoting a plate block of the fifty cent lumber at a neat thirty dollars.) Is it likely that such a series will be suddenly terminated? Never fear — the future holds more promise than the past!

To reiterate, no field I know of presents more of a challenge or more of an opportunity than Canadian plate blocks, and no time is more opportune than the present to begin cellecting them. The current revised issue may be superceded, and if it is not, these early numbers will inevitably appreciate in value as time goes on. This above all, as Polonius said: start saving your sheckels now for plate blocks of the Capex issue. It may well prove to be the opportunity of the century!

Incidentally, if you haven't already sent in your membership to Capex, do so immediately. Every Canadian collector has a moral obligation to see that it is a success.

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You Can Read History In Tranportation Stamps

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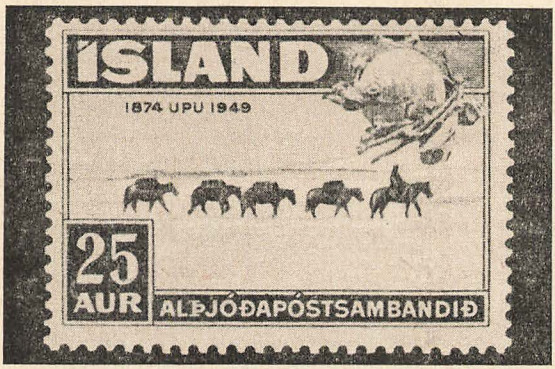
On the following five pages are postage stamps issued by nine countries to depict their transportation facilities. They are from the albums of our (Toronto Transportation Commission) Stamp Club secretary, Ross Smalley. The stories they tell are the stories of the countries themselves. They are like a page from the history book of these countries —recorded by an engraver and sent hither and you for all to see and admire. All the world depends on transportation and it is widely featured on stamps in recognition of its national importance.

Flight through time to the 20th century. The world has changed and transportation has kept pace with it. This stamp commemorates the maiden voyage of a modern D.C. 4 commercial transport plane from Switzerland to United States in May, 1947.

Ring out the old, ring in the new—artist depicts progress in shipping on this Indonesian stamp. The old 3-masted clipper has given way to modern passenger liner. Canada generally limits new designs to not more than three a year. In all, Canada has issued more than 300 different stamps.

Back in 1860 a new mail delivery service—the Pony Express — was started in the U.S. Its backers bet $50,000 the Express could cover the 2,000 miles from Missouri to California across three mountain ranges in 10 days. They made it with 20 minutes to spare. Mail cost $5 an ounce but even at that the backers went broke; service lasted only 19 months but became world famous.

Storied in verse and song, "Casey" Jones the engineer who stayed on his locomotive in the face of certain death, is featured on this U.S. stamp honoring Railroad Engineers of America.



This stamp was issued by Iceland to honor the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. It shows transportation by Pack Train.

Regular Issue Canadian dollar stamp shows train ferry boat which is used for transporting trains from the mainland to Prince Edward Island. Various methods of transportation tie sprawling cities, countries, the whole world together. It's no wonder transportation has such a prominent place on the postage stamps of the world.

In Switzerland in 20th Century, postal motor coach and trailer is modern counterpart of old U.S. Pony Express. Stamp was issued to commemorate centenary of Federal Post in Switzerland. Switzerland is headquarters of Universal Postal Union. It is a world-wide union and all countries obey its dictates.

A Chinese Mobile Post Office issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Postal Administration.

The first Swiss steam Locomotive — a single wheel drive steam locomotive. It was first operated in 1847, 65 years after the invention of the steam engine by James Watt.

A German war-time stamp showing a Field Post Office in the east. Most German war-time stamps were brought back by our troops.

Issued to commemorate completion of the Moscow Subway in 1935, subway looks much slicker than people. In 1935, while world disarmament and war debts were topics, Germany under leadership of Hitler withdrew from League of Nations. World was dragging itself out of depression and towards 2nd World War.

Switzerland has some of longest railway tunnels and steepest grades in world, but modern European steam locomotives like this one have no trouble navigating them. Stamp was issued to commemorate the centenary of the opening of the first Swiss railroad between Zurich and Baden.

EDITOR'S AFTERWORD

With Canada, famed for vast distances and transcontinental railways, Canadian stamps are the chief concern of "Popular Stamps," thus we wish to add a few remarks to the foregoing. Romance and adventure is pictured with the 1908 Quebec issue 15c stamp showing Champlain's departure for the West via canoe. And should we not include the 50c Bluenose, the 5c Royal William, the Silver Jubilee 13c Royal Yacht, the Great Lakes grain freighter at the elevator in the 1942-43 four-cent stamp! Various airmail stamps portray aerial transportation. The 1938 six-cent airmail has both steamer and airplane and the 1927 Special Delivery depicts five stages of transportation. A close inspection of many waterways stamps of Canada will show ships worked into the detail by the artists. Look them over and see what you can find.

War Issue Plate Block Values

By D. C. MacMillan

Several articles have been written recently concerning plate block values for the War Issue but no one seems to have gone farther than to mention the values of the impossible positions. After three years of attempting to obtain complete sets of the one cent through five cent values I have reached the following conclusions:

(1) The following positions are scarce but should be obtainable:—

One Cent (No. 249)
Plate 9 UL, UR

Three Cent Red (No. 251)
All positions.

Three Cent Mauve (No. 252)
Plates 7, 8, 9, 10, all positions

Four Cent Red (No. 254)

UL Plate No.	UR Plate No.	LL Plate No.
2	21	23
34	22	33
35		

(2) The following positions are quite rare and very difficult to obtain:—

Three Cent Mauve (No. 252)
Plates 17 and 18 UL

Four Cent Red (No. 254)

UR Plate Nos.	LL Plate No. 24
9	
10	
11	

I paid $5.00 each for copies of the four positions listed in sub para. (2) above. This added to $17.00 for advertising brings the total cost to $37.00. I would not sell these blocks now for less than $25.00 each and believe they will ultimately be worth more. The other positions listed in sub para. (1) vary in value from $3.00 to $10.00 each.

It is reported that Mr. Georges Daudelin of Chamblay Basin, Que., has purchased the trade name and business of the late Chris. Goulden, the Century Stamp Co., Montreal.

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O4	4c	War issue	.04
O5	5c	revised	.07
O6	10c	Lake	.04
O7	14c	Power	.12
O8	20c	Combine	.15
O9	50c	Lumber	3.25
O10	$1.00	Ferry	$1.50
O11	50c	Oil Well	.75
O12	1c	revised	.02
O13	2c	revised	.04
O14	3c	revised	.03
O15	4c	revised	.03
CO1	7c	Airmail	.12
EO1	10c	Sp. Del.	.15
O9	50c	Lumber, mint	2.75

Stamps Perforated O.H.M.S.

O226	50c	Parliament	$4.50
O231	1c	green	.02
O232	2c	brown	.03
O233	3c	carmine	.02
O234	4c	yellow	.10
O235	5c	blue	.03
O241	10c	Memorial	.04
O241A	10c	Memorial	.08
O242	13c	Halifax	.08
O243	20c	Fort Garry	.10
O244	50c	Vancouver	.70
O245	$1.00	Ramezay	2.00
O249	1c	green	.02
O250	2c	brown	.02
O251	3c	carmine	.03
O252	3c	rose violet	.02
O253	4c	Elevators	.15
O254	4c	carmine	.02
O255	5c	blue	.02
O256	8c	Farm	$ .30
O257	10c	Parliament	.03
O259	14c	Tank	.10
O260	20c	Corvette	.06
O268	8c	Farm	.85
O269	10c	Lake	.02
O270	14c	Power	.08
O271	20c	Combine	.08
O272	50c	Lumber	.60
O273	$1.00	Ferry	1.40
O285	2c	revised	.05
O286	3c	revised	.05
OC6	6c	Air	.05
OC7	6c	Air	.15
OC8	7c	Air	.03
OC9	7c	Air	.02
E7	10c	Sp. Del.	.22
E11	10c	Sp. Del.	.15

No. O243, 20c Fort Garry, with Large holes; Very scarce, A few copies at $3.75.

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V.I. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Vancouver Island Philatelic Society elected officers as follows Thursday evening, February 8.

Honorary president, J. K. Hodges; honorary vice president, Walter Englehart, Geo. Gardiner, Harry Whittaker; president, G. E. Wellburn; vice president, J. H. B. Watson, Major S. Henson; secretary treasurer Miss Jean Roberts; directors, Miss Jessie Gordon, R. Nairne; auditor, A. B. Harris. V. N. Bigwood and C. B. Hill Tout will continue to act as the circuit manager and auctioneer respectively.

Arrangements for the international exhibition to be held at the Empress Hotal May 19-21 were discussed.

Capt. B. C. Binks of Vancouver, an out-of-town member was congratulated on having been newly elected president of the B.N.A. Philatelic Society of New York.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir:

2c Red Arch of 1931

All of us write to give information to others, so also to try and correct possible errors. Thus a reply to C. H. Bayley's notes on this stamp, the possible mistake is, that in my opinion the variety with the strokes in the tail of the Right 2, cannot occur upon the 2c green (164) because I have an UL plate 3 No. 7 in the red stamp that shows no signs of any scratches in the tail. These scratches must have occured during the life of the red plate 3, and so all specimens of the 3 on 2c should show the scratches, but the 2c green can't show the scratches because the green colour was discarded before the scratches occurred.—C.B.D. Garrett.

The other night I was studying the new Canadian Dollar stamp and I think I have found an error. The fisherman depicted has his coat buttoned the wrong side over. I was a tailor before coming to Canada and I think you will agree with me the coat is lapped over to the ladies' side. This may start some argument by some of the philatelists. What about it? — Reader.

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In one of the daily newspapers it was mentioned that there were 16 fish depicted on the stamp, no mention was made of the seal so I presumed that this was included in the 16 although a seal is not a fish. On close inspection I find however that there are 16 not counting the seal. There are two small shellfish to the left of the sheel at centre top. One could be a "prawn", the other, the lower one could be a shrimp. I believe they are both belonging to the same family though. Not being an authority on fishing I am not going to attempt to name them all but at the top right of center shell we have a lobster. The top right corner appears to be a cod, the bottom right shellfish could be a clam, then the seal, bottom left looks like a mackerel. Above it might be a halibut or sole and that's as far as I am going. The fish are definitely out of proportion as regards size in relation to one another but that can be understood where they are forming a border.

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A total of 141 items changed hands at the auction, top sale being a $4.00 Queen Victoria Jubilee stamp going at $36.50. One stamp catalogued at $10.00 sold for $21.00 and several bidders paid $25.00 for stamps they wanted. It was also announced that the Canadian Philatelic Society has accepted an invitation from the local club to hold its 1952 meeting in London.

This dinner also marked the 58th anniversary of the founding of the local club and W. H. Stockwell, one of the charter members, who was present, was heartily applauded.

In February, F. H. Whitfield explained the mechanics of the Club Stamp Circuit, as well as telling of many interesting and humorous incidents of his own initial efforts at Stamp collecting; and something of his present side-line collections. Also Dr. L. Seale Holmes sponsored a contest on Canada's new $1.00 "fish" stamp, which brought out some interesting discussion and was won by Miss Eleanor Robson.

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The banquet was held in the Quebec Suite of the Chateau Laurier on March 1 and fifty-eight members and guests, including wives and sweethearts were in attendance.

In addition to the guest speaker, the guests included the Count Mario di Stefano, the Italian Ambassador, the Vicomte du Parc, Belgian Ambassador, Mr. J. R. Carpenter, Head of the Philatelic Section, Post Office Department, and Dr. John Polley, President of the R.A. Stamp Club of Ottawa. The guests were welcomed by the President of the Society, Mr. W. F. Bowden Martin, and the guest speaker, Mr. Mills, was thanked by Mr. H. P. Stockwell. There was an auction of 61 lots, a door prize and a short games session.

In his address, Mr. Mills stated in dealing with the design of Canadian stamps stated quite definitely that in general, the Post Office Department was not satisfied with the designs which had been used in the past and referred to the matter of using two or more colours in the manufacture of our stamps and pointed out that the cost of these was beyond the financial capabilities of his Department.

Turning to the subject of Capex, Mr. Mills said it had been decided to issue a set of three stamps—a 4-cent stamp depicting progress in rail transportation of mail and showing a wood burning locomotive of 1851 and a modern diesel; a five cent stamp illustrating mail steamers of 1851 and 1951; a seven cent stamp depicting a stage coach of 1851 and a "North Star" air liner. These stamps would be issued in attractive design and in single colours (Mr. Mills did not say what the colours would be).

Many collectors had urged that the designs of the first series of Canadian stamps be reproduced in a manner similar to that used recently in other countries and although this suggestion had not been acceptable in its entirety, it had nevertheless been decided to issue a fifteen cent stamp on which would be reproduced the "beaver" design used on the first Canadian threepenny. The date of issue of the above four stamps would be September 24, 1951.

In closing Mr. Mills urged Canadian stamp collectors to continue to take the keen interest in the stamps of their country that they had taken in the past.

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